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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006, please consider the

following remarks.